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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the 100th anniversary of the birth of Bill Monroe.

Whereas, William Smith Monroe was born in the neighboring state of Kentucky on September 13,1911;

Whereas, Bill Monroe is the originator and founder of "bluegrass", a form of American country music;

Whereas, Bluegrass music is followed, appreciated, and enjoyed by thousands of people all over the world;

Whereas, Bill Monroe and His Bluegrass Boys were members of the Grand Ole Opry for over 50 years;

Whereas, Bill Monroe was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the first Grammy Award presented to a bluegrass musician:

Whereas, The bluegrass music festival held at Beanblossom, Indiana, since 1967 has become world famous, drawing fans to the Hoosier State from all over the world;

Whereas, Bill Monroe, an artist of musical genius and a poet of American folklore, was an active performer past 80 years of age;

Whereas, Bill Monroe had a deep affection for Indiana, becoming a radio performer in Hammond, Indiana, in 1930;



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owning and operating a music park in Beanblossom, Indiana, since 1953; and writing songs about Brown County and Indiana; and

Whereas, Bill Monroe became a legend in his own lifetime: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the 100th anniversary of the birth of Bill Monroe.



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